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WORK ON THE MANIGUA ORANGE GROVES.

FINAL PLOWING BEING DONE FOR NEW TREES.

Trees Planted Growing Finely.

Reports received from General Manager Tolksdorff and from numerous settlers at McKinley are enthusiastic regarding the fine growth being made by the hundred acres of trees planted in the Manigua Orange and Grapefruit Groves last winter and spring.

Our bondholders will have the opportunity of judging for themselves how these trees are growing as we publish in this issue of the HERALD some photographs which show their sturdy development. They are receiving best of care and attention at the hands of Superintendent Robert Reid, and the way they are flourishing proves that the half has not been told of the possibilities of the soil and climate of McKinley for citrus culture.

Remember, our trees grow without being irrigated, as in California, and without frost protection, as in Florida. The past summer has been an ideal one for rapid tree-growth owing to the bountiful but not excessive rainfall, while during the coming winter our trees will not lie dormant as they would in Florida, but will increase in size all through our warm, bright, sunny winter days.

In a recent letter General Manager Tolksdorff writes as follows:

"The trees are growing fine. The plowing, also, is going along well and in one month I hope to have the land plowed for the 18,000 trees to be planted this fall. At the same time the clearing of the 500-acre Orange Groves Tract is going on very well.

"I have to smile when people come here from other sections and remark about the lot of work being done at McKinley. What will they say in another year.

"We will push the work all we can, but it will be hard for us to beat some of the colonists' groves. We are now planting cow-pease and velvet beans in the Manigua Grove as 'cover crops,' to increase the nitrogen in the soil. They are coming along nicely. You know things grow quick here. The garden in front of the headquarters is starting fine and we shall have plenty of vegetables early this year."

Mr. Tolksdorff writes that boarders at the Grove House are helping on the well and to get the new shower bath in and he adds that it will be a great thing when people find running water through the house. He speaks most appreciatingly of the cordial co-operation which the McKinley people are extending to the management and he seems to echo the general sentiment of hopefulness and good cheer so characteristic of McKinleyites when he predicts a prosperous winter for the colony and a cordial reception for all new visitors and settlers.

General Manager Tolksdorff of the Tropical Development Company, and bearing Grapefruit Trees, 3 years and 9 months old. Note the Pineapples in the background

McKINLEY ITEMS.

The Messrs. Young will build a bath house over their swimming pool which is fed by water from two springs opposite their house on tracts No. 191 and 209. Speaking of water, they struck an abundance of fine water at 17 feet in a new well they have dug.

Mr. Geo. Young writes that from the 2d to the 8th of September, inclusive, the thermometer ranged from 71 to 75 degrees at 5:30 a. m. At noon it ranged 78 degrees to 85, and at 6 p. m. from 80 to 84 degrees. In Cleveland, Ohio, a temperature of 85 degrees produces many heat prostrations. These are unknown in the Isle of Pines where Americans work bare-headed in the sun. This is possible on account of the lighter atmosphere of the Isle of Pines, the more invigorating quality of the air and the sea breezes which sweep over the island.

Mr. E. F. Cullen has had the northern 2 acres of tract 148 cleared by Harold Hubbard. A photograph recently received at this office shows that Harold did a good piece of work on it.

General Manager Tolksdorff went to Havana the second week in September and purchased a pair of mules.

Mr. George H. Voss is making good progress in clearing his tract, No. 200. We have the picture of George at work, assisted by Mr. Harlow Palmer, which we would like to reproduce if lack of space did not prevent.

Dr. Harris has completed the clearing of five acres of his tract, No. 294, and has probably completed the planting of them by this time in orange trees.

General Manager Tolksdorff had eight deeds for different bondholders executed in September.

Mrs. Nellie E. Waters' orange and grape-fruit trees are growing beautifully on tract No. 371.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bostwick's fine young grove on tract No. 421 is one of the banner groves in the colony. We shall publish photographs of it shortly.

Mr. Albert Young, who has been ordering a number of rare tropical plants for planting on his property at McKinley, recently received two specimens of the fruit of the Pollock Avocado from the nurseryman in Miami, Fla., who is furnishing his trees.

This fruit, which has long been considered a staple breakfast dish in the West Indies, is rapidly winning recognition among northern consumers and bids fair to command a large sale in the near future. Already the more exclusive fruit stores of New York supply a constantly increasing demand among those who are acquainted with its merits. The retail price of the fruit is now 25 cents each and as the trees are abundant producers it will, no doubt, prove a most profitable crop for the grower. The specimens Mr. Young received were excellent samples of the matured fruit. They are green in color, oval in shape, about the size of canteloupe and weighed 2 pounds 11½ ounces and 2 pounds 11¾ ounces respectively. The fruit is divided in two halves and the large central seed removed, when it is eaten.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM McKINLEY.

INTERESTING LETTERS TELL OF COLONY'S DEVELOPMENT.

New Houses Built. Planting Going Forward Rapidly.

We are in receipt of several interesting letters from bondholders resident at McKinley, which we print below. The first is from Mr. W. J. Cleland and is especially interesting as dealing with the facts of the present Cuban crisis. Mr. Cleland writes:

McKINLEY, Sept. 5.

MR. RISLEY:

Dear Sir—No doubt you are thinking of us people in the Isle of Pines and how the "revolution" in Cuba is affecting us. Well, here in the Isle of Pines you would never know there was anything of the sort going on. Before this there has always been 12 to 15 Rural Guards stationed here. They have been all sent to Cuba but three and there is nothing for the three that are left to do. Myself and family were in Havana for a week from the 23th to 30th of August and you would not know of any war except seeing the natives bringing in their horses for sale to the government. We traveled right across Cuba, and saw nothing to alarm us nor were we molested in any way.

Now I wish to say that I am well pleased with the way the work in the groves and roads is going on. The work is done well and in a systematic manner, and the progress of the company's work is most satisfactory to all conservative and thinking people. My personal work doing well. I have started to clear and plant J. M. Gothy's tract, No. 68, just north of mine.

Yours truly,

W. J. CLELAND.

Mr. Grant H. Thompson, one of the recent arrivals, has proven a most enthusiastic and energetic McKinleyite. He is a busy man, for he has just finished his house building, but he is good enough to take a few minutes off to write us. His letter follows:

McKINLEY, ISLE OF PINES, Sept. 9.

TROPICAL DEVELOPMENT CO.:

Gentlemen—I am very much pleased with McKinley during my short stay here. The climate is delightful. The other day I was talking to a gentleman who had traveled all through the United States and many foreign countries and he said no better climate than the Isle of Pines can be found in the world. In many respects it is better than in California. I am now very busy preparing my land for planting in citrus fruits, oranges and limes, also bananas, vegetables, pine apples, etc.

We do not know there is any disturbance in Cuba, everything is so quiet and peaceful here.

Much of the news you read is exaggerated and the whole affair will soon be over.

Those who have recently traveled right through Cuba, coming here, report very little signs of any trouble except talk. Boats and cars are running as usual. The weather is charming now.

Yours very truly,

GRANT H. THOMPSON.

Mr. F. C. Payne writes most interestingly of his personal work and tells of

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The McKinley Herald

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OCTOBER, 1906.

This issue of the HERALD, the October number, is the first published since the August edition. By noting the volume and number printed at the top of the first column, first page, our readers can always be sure they are receiving each number issued.

ORDER YOUR FRUIT TREES NOW.

Those of our bondholders who intend to plant their tracts in orange or grape-fruit trees this fall or winter should place their order for trees immediately. Even now it is late, as the nurseries have been booking orders for citrus stock during the preceding spring and summer and any longer delay on the part of prospective buyers is almost certain to result in disappointment of some sort or other.

Trees imported for planting from Florida can be advantageously set out in the Isle of Pines during the fall and winter or say from November 1st on. By the first of November the weather in Florida has settled down to something approaching its normal winter temperature and the sap in the young trees is therefore down, which makes it possible to defoliate or trim off their superfluous leaves and branches when setting them out (which is necessary) without danger of "bleeding them to death."

Winter is, therefore, the best planting time for imported stock.

The Tropical Development Company has contracted for 18,000 trees the first of which will be delivered November 1, but as all of these trees will be required for planting in the 500-acre orange and grape-fruit groves, it will not be possible to sell any of them as that would reduce the number to be planted in the groves. The company will quite willingly order trees for its bondholders from the nursery companies with whom it deals and thus enable bondholders to secure their trees at a wholesale price and under the same guarantees as regards varieties, etc., under which the trees for the big groves are being purchased. But all orders should be placed at once. The company will give you its advice free with regard to the proper varieties to plant and will have our orange grower inspect your property and designate the kind of root-stock that should be used on different parts of your land and we shall be glad to hear from all who intend to plant their tracts this fall and winter.

The fall and winter season is also the best time of year to clear land, as the work can be accomplished more economically and more expeditiously, owing to the long periods of dry weather during which field hands can work without interruptions from occasional showers and brush can be burned without being frequently extinguished.

This, therefore, is the season for all who intend to clear and plant their land this fall and winter to start active operations.

Write to any of our bondholders at McKinley for the cost of clearing your land if you wish to start your grove this winter.

Orange Tree in Our 500-Acre Groves, planted in January and photographed in September. Is not this a remarkable growth in 9 months? Mr. Harlow Palmer on the left, and Mr. Wm. Nixon on the right

THE CUBAN DIFFICULTY.

The culmination of the recent Cuban disturbance in the prompt intervention of the United States Government and the installation of the American Secretary of War, Taft, as Provisional Governor of Cuba, has been a source of gratification to all Americans who have interests in the Republic. It has proved once for all that our Government will make good its guarantee to the world of a stable government there, and if this cannot be under Cuban officials, then it shall be under American officials. Investors can now see that this is an assured factor in the future.

We who are interested in the Isle of Pines not only have this assurance, but, more fortunate than the planters on the Island of Cuba, we have not even had the interruption of business which occurred there.

The Isle of Pines is separated from Cuba by 60 miles of water and the recent disturbance in Cuba found no echo in the neighboring Island.

The Cuban population is small in number and composed almost entirely of workmen employed on the farms of American residents.

They are too well pleased with the good wages and steady work they obtain, to take much interest in political affairs.

Thus, while the newspapers were filled with accounts of the turbulence of Cuba, the regular work of farm and field was going forward undisturbed in the Isle of Pines and the life of the McKinleyites has been as regular as though they were farming in any county of Florida or California. In fact, so confident was the Cuban Government of the continued peace in the Isle of Pines, that of the 15 Rural Guards usually stationed there, 12 were withdrawn during the insurrection, and as Mr. Cleland wrote us the three remaining had "nothing to do."

TO OUR BONDHOLDERS:

Article 4 of the Contract for Bonds which is issued to all who are paying for their Bonds on monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments, reads as follows:

"Fourth. The purchaser may, at any time within TWO YEARS from the date hereof, pay all the installments not yet due, and shall be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. on the payment thus made."

Those of our investors who purchased their Bonds during the months of *November and December, 1904*, will, therefore, please take notice that if they pay the balance due on their contracts on or before the dates in November and December of *this year*, when their payments are due, they will receive *Ten Per Cent. Discount* on the balance thus paid.

This discount will *not* be given after the aforesaid two years have expired.

Those who purchased Bonds on later dates can secure this discount of *Ten Per Cent.* by paying the balance due within Two Years from date of their purchase.

On March 25, 1905, our Board of Directors voted to give a discount of Ten Per Cent. on *Annual Payments* made after that date. This privilege also expires two years from the date of each contract.

Our reason for making this inducement for early payments was that by far the heaviest part of our expenses in making the 500-acre Grove—clearing and breaking up the land, buying the trees and planting them—would fall within the first two years. This is a co-operative enterprise, and our Bond-holders who can and will supply their share of the money early, benefit themselves by securing the discount, and aid the whole undertaking by hastening the time when the Grove will pay dividends.

WHEN IS YOUR CONTRACT DATED?

TROPICAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

McKINLEY FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

ORGANZATION AT McKINLEY FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

Problems of Shipping, Packing, etc., to be Discussed.

One of the strongest proofs of the growth of colony spirit at McKinley is the organization of the "McKinley Fruit Growers' Association." We are informed of its organization in a recent letter from Mr. F. C. Payne, who tells us that twenty-two McKinleyites joined at the first meeting, while more will soon ally themselves with the society. The personnel of the organization is as follows:

Dr. J. M. Harris, president; Mr. Harlow Palmer, vice-president; Mr. F. C. Payne, secretary and treasurer; while an executive committee, comprising the officers and Messrs. W. J. Cleland, Geo. Young and Emil Tolksdorff has been appointed. Mr. Payne writes us: "We are going to endeavor to make this organization a power for the advancement of McKinley and are ready to co-operate with the company in anything that will be a benefit to the colony."

Such an organization and with such aims can be of great benefit both to members themselves and to their fellow bondholders and the company in offering as it does an opportunity for co-operation in the growing, shipping and marketing of the produce of the McKinley farms and groves. Indeed, it is well known that the prosperity of the fruit and vegetable growers of California was built up by just such organizations. While the development of the Isle of Pines will necessarily follow the well-beaten path made by the pioneer farmers of California and Florida, and although there is nothing really experimental in the work that our settlers are engaged in, yet there cannot be too many opportunities for a mutual discussion of means and comparison of methods. Where a number of small growers are raising vegetables, etc., it is almost essential that they arrange their shipments at one time in order to equalize the freight, commission charges, etc. There is a wide field for such an organization at McKinley. It would naturally fall in its province to supervise the shipments of fruit, vegetables, etc., to see that they were properly packed, graded and labelled, so that the produce should not only arrive at the northern markets in good condition, but so classified as to command the confidence of buyers and a ready sale for produce under its label. The social and educational features of such an organization are, too, almost unlimited. As a means of bringing those interested in a common pursuit together for the interchange of helpful ideas it is unrivalled. The association is still young, but its organization is a most hopeful sign and we urge all our settlers at McKinley to enter its membership. We hope that Mr. Payne will favor us at some future date with further details of its plans.

High Prices For Oranges.

Oranges are scarce in Cleveland now. People who want them have to pay from 50 to 60 cents a dozen for ordinary navel oranges.

"The strangest part of it," said one dealer, "is that about a month from now, when the supply is considerably greater, they will be just as scarce as ever. The demand from now on for a few weeks will increase more rapidly than the supply, with the approach of cooler weather."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sept. 1, 1906.*

In a recent issue of the HERALD we advised our readers in writing to bondholders to enclose postage. We had in mind bondholders in the States rather than those at McKinley, as American stamps cannot be used on letters sent from there, the Cuban stamps alone being used.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM McKINLEY.

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his plans for the future. His letter follows:

McKINLEY, ISLE OF PINES, Aug. 13.

MESSRS. H. S. AND R. P. RISLEY, BUFFALO, N. Y.:

Dear Sirs—I have decided that I would like to exchange the business lot I now have near the Plaza for two residence lots adjoining the two allotted to me across the road from my tract, No. 83. I am thinking some of improving my lots and would like to have them all together. Would also like to know the price asked for the other lot in the half block in case I decide I desire it.

Perhaps you will be interested to learn that I have just finished setting out nine acres of my tract, No. 83, to budded orange and grape-fruit trees of first class varieties. I obtained my trees from the nursery of the Isle of Pines Nursery and Improvement Association and they are all fine large trees. They will bear some fruit two years from this fall and in three years I should be able to ship some. This nursery is the largest by far on the island and they have 350,000 orange, grapefruit, tangerines and lemon trees ready for setting out. I have secured the agency for these trees at McKinley and can furnish any quantity desired in any of the standard varieties of the above named trees. Am prepared to clear up land, set out groves and care for them for any one desirous of establishing an orange grove at McKinley. Would be pleased to enter into correspondence with anyone who is thinking of putting out a grove and upon request will give prices of trees, cost of setting, etc. I would appreciate it very much if you will kindly give my name and address to those you learn are intending to put out groves and I will assist them in every way I can in the planting and caring for their groves.

Everything is going nicely at McKinley. All the settlers seem to be encouraged and are making improvements rapidly. Have talked with a number and all agree that things were never so encouraging or promising as at present. McKinley is going to forge to the front from now on we are sure.

Hoping to hear from you soon I will close, remaining,

Yours truly,
(Signed) F. C. PAYNE.

In a personal letter to Treasurer Fernald, under date of July 30th, Mr. W. H. Brown contributes some interesting items. We quote as follows:

"I started my own house yesterday, 20x22 feet, with a small kitchen, also am having another hundred and four Excelsior grape-fruit trees planted this week. The orange trees I planted are doing wonderfully well, as are also the smooth Cayenne pineapples, Loquats, etc. The ploughing Mr. Cleland has done for you looks very nice. Mr. Tolksdorff is certainly fixing up the roads and bridges in fine shape. I wish the Tropical Development Co. all kinds of good luck and I am doing all that I possibly can to help develop McKinley.

"I am working now at carpentry work. You know I served ten years at wood work. Perry Rockwood and I have just finished a house for Mr. Thompson."

Mr. W. H. Brown owns the western five acres of Tract No. 78. It is there that he has built his house.

Mr. S. H. Woodworth, who has done such good work on his property, Tract No. 388, writes us a most encouraging letter.

McKINLEY, ISLE OF PINES, Sept. 7.

MR. H. S. RISLEY:

Dear Sir—Yours of August 27th received in due time. Pardon me for not answering sooner. I may say that the trouble they are having in Cuba has not affected us at all. Everything here is going on the same as usual. I am at work now clearing a two acre strip, finishing one half of my five acres from east to west. We can now look out on the Manigua groves from my place and see the rows of orange trees. I remove roots and branch, you know, in clearing. I expect to put this lot into watermelons as soon as I can. I expect to have a dandy vegetable patch this winter. My banana and orange trees are doing fine.

Mr. Tolksdorff is coming over and take a picture of our place soon. You will get one. We have been having lots of the finest pineapples I ever ate. Now the oranges are coming on; also the lemons and limes. We had a good crop of native fruits this summer. Everything is improving here. With kindest regards to all I remain,

Yours truly,
S. H. WOODWORTH.

Our readers will remember the excellent picture of Mr. Woodworth's home on page 27 of "McKinley in the Making." Since then we understand he has added a porch to the house and made other improvements.

Mr. Perry Rockwood in a personal letter gives some items of interest to our readers. We quote as follows from a letter of July 29th:

"McKinley is certainly building up fast. Mr. Brown and I have been working on Mr. Young's house and have nearly finished Mr. Thompson's house. We are then going to start on Mr. Brown's house on Tract No. 78. We have four houses and one blacksmith shop on our street. I guess we are 'going some' at the North End.

"Mr. Tolksdorff is dumping gravel on the roads, where it is needed and it makes a good road." Mr. Rockwood was one of the pioneer settlers in the section of the property north of the town site, and is one of the most energetic young men at McKinley. An excellent picture of his tract, No. 85, is shown on page 38 of "McKinley in the Making."

Manigua Grove No. 35. This photograph was taken from the second story of the Grove House. Note ploughing for winter planting in background

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Messrs. Chas. F. and Geo. F. Young are well known to readers of the McKinley Herald from accounts which have been published in these columns from time to time of the work they are doing in the colony. These gentlemen, together with their brother, Mr. Albert B. Young, of Buffalo, and various friends and relatives have purchased a considerable number of bonds and have taken as their land bonus most of the acreage lying between the boulevard and the Nuevas River near the point where the Neuvas is joined by the Callejon, or between tracts 188 and 241. Recent letters from the Messrs. Young give much interesting information concerning the improvements they are making on their own land and also what their neighbors and friends in the colony are doing. Under date of September 8, 1906, Mr. Chas. Young writes as follows:

"I was at the Grove House a few days ago to attend a meeting called for the purpose of forming an association. We had a pretty full attendance and about 20 colonists signed the membership papers. The name we adopted was the McKinley Fruit-growers Association, and I can tell you by the way things are pushing along all over the tract, we need an association to meet and talk over the best methods of planting and care of stuff after planting.

"You would hardly know the different locations in the colony. The big 500-acre Groves tract has been cleared to the north line and extending almost to the northwest corner of the tract, which makes a great deal of difference in the appearance of the property in approaching it.

"Two new houses have been built near by by new settlers who have gone over to Havana to meet their wives, who are expected to arrive on the next boat from New York.

"Mr. R. W. Dunning has his 10-acre tract, No. 263, about cleared, and it makes a great difference in the surroundings of his hotel.

"Mr. Grant Thompson is living in his new house on the northern five acres of tract 228, which he has cleared and is keeping a public hotel for one. He is cook, chambermaid and only boarder.

"Our new house on tract 208 changes the looks of thing in this section and makes the river tract where our tents used to be look deserted, but if you went over there, you would see the fine growth our orange trees have made. You remember we were just starting to plant when you were here last April. Some of the grape-fruit and orange trees are about 3½ or 4 feet across the top and 4 to 5 feet high and growing fast. Since we moved into our new house and the whole 43 acres of citrus fruit trees were turned over to us, I have not had so much time to attend to the pineapples, but you would be surprised to see the remarkable growth they have made since you were here."

Mr. Young also writes that Mr. George R. McMullen is getting Mr. John F. Slocum's tract (No. 178) cleared and has nearly finished it, while his own place is looking well. He says also that Mr. Parsons of the Parsons & Hopkins tract (184, etc.), is now living in his new house and is getting extensive clearing done ready for trees this fall Continuing, Mr. Young writes:

"The tract belonging to Mr. Mauer of Buffalo (tract 14), has been cleared and plowed—that is about seven acres. It is a fine piece.

"Mr. F. C. Payne has planted a large number of orange trees on his ten acres.

"The new road is opened almost to the junction or forks of the rivers at the north end of the property."—(Port McKinley).

Speaking of General Manager Tolksdorff, Mr. Young says:

"Mr. Tolksdorff is pushing the work right along in every direction and it shows very plain that he is the best man for the position the Directors could have selected. There are no idlers at McKinley. All are busy improving their tracts and planting trees and it shows that the articles we see in the northern papers about the people of the Isle of Pines aiding the insurrection in Cuba come from the Havana newspapers. They do that to get a fling at us for trying to have the United States Congress recognize the Isle of Pines as a part of the United States, but we here on the island do not know about how much we are 'helping the insurrection' until we read of it in the foolish northern papers. I call them foolish to reprint anything from the Havana papers for they do not tell the truth about anything. Our people from the island are going back and forth to Havana constantly—no disturbance. Everything is all quiet.

"The railroad running from Havana to Batabano was not disturbed even during the Spanish-American war. Their trains ran every day carrying passengers.

"You can tell anyone that wants to come here to come right along—nothing to disturb them and we will welcome them to the island if they come."

On the Nuevas River, near Port McKinley. There is plenty of opportunity here for Boating, Fishing and Sailing

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The same mail that brought Mr. Chas. F. Young's letter brought one from Mr. Geo. F. Young dated Sept. 9th and enclosing a very interesting map which Mr. Young had made showing the location of their new house on tract No. 208, and also the position of the many varieties of rare and valuable fancy tropical fruits and plants which the Messrs. Young are cultivating.

From the plan of the Youngs' new house it seems that the structure is about 40 feet long by 32 feet wide and is surrounded on three sides by a roomy and comfortable veranda 10 feet wide. The main building contains four bedrooms, two 12x12 and two 12x13 feet each and a store-room 8x12, a hallway

14x32 feet runs across the house opening off of which is another hall 6x12 which leads to the dining-room (12x15) built onto the rear of the house and in turn opening upon the kitchen (12x16), which is separated from the main building by the dining-room. This kitchen is surrounded by a 6 foot veranda on three sides and the dining-room is open on the side to permit a free circulation of air.

Describing the location of the house Mr. Geo. F. Young writes as follows:

"Enclosed find rough sketch of our house site. We did not build down by our tent as was first intended, but up on the knoll on tract No. 208. Our house site comprises two acres. The house stands about 200 feet back from the road. A gravel path leads up to it between two rows of cocoanut trees, there being ten trees in each row. Between the cocoanut trees and the gravel path we are planting foliage shrubs—first a double Hibiscus then a Croton, then a Hibiscus and so on. When you come down again I think you will say it is fine.

"We are growing some mangoes and mangosteens (a rare East India fruit) for the United States Agricultural Department at Washington, which are doing nicely. My brother, Mr. Albert B. Young of Buffalo, has ordered some Trapp's Avocado pear trees and some Mulgoba mangoes from Florida—very fine fruit. I have a nursery of Avocado pear trees started which I will bud with the Trapp variety.

"All our trees are growing fine.

"We have an acre of Cuban corn which is looking all right—some of it is 12 feet high. Mr. Tolksdorff has promised to come and take a picture of it. We have an acre planted with Giant Beggar Weed for hay. We have been making hay for two months over on my tract which is worth something."

Included among the trees and plants shown in Mr. Young's tract are the Waldo Peach, Blue Geona Fig, Leconte Pear, Black Ischia Fig, Angel Peach, Loquat Plum, Celestial Fig, Frotscher Pecans, Excelsior Plum, Mexican fruit, Mamee Colorado, Mamee Santo Domingo, Egg-fruit, Caiminto, Cashew-nut, Mexican Guava, Zanzibar Coffee, Forastero Cocoa, Bamboo, Argentine Guava, Johnson Bananas, Paw-paws, Walnuts, Almonds, Sweet Sop, James' Grapes and several varieties of Palms and medicinal shrubs and spice plants.

Speaking of the growth of these plants, Mr. Young writes:

"I have transplanted a great many trees and plants since I started and only one camphor shrub has died."

In conclusion Mr. Young writes:

"When you come down again you won't know the place. We have 26 houses in McKinley now and more to be built in the near future.

"Some of our young chickens commenced to lay in four months. We have two hens setting—one comes off next week. They are all doing well.

"We have a beautiful view from our back veranda. You can count over a hundred Royal Palms. Everything is quiet here and no danger from the revolutionists. The railroad from Havana to Batabano even in the last war was not disturbed. We all send kind regards."

"Yours very truly,
"GEO. F. YOUNG."

The many friends of the Messrs. Young in Buffalo will be glad to learn of the progress these gentlemen are making in their work at McKinley. They arrived at McKinley the first week in October last and will therefore celebrate their first anniversary in the colony in a short time.

Among those who are helping to build up the McKinley Colony there is no couple more deservedly popular than Mr. and Mrs. George R. McMullen, whose homelike cottage on tract No. 179 is a stopping place for all who pass that way.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullen are former residents of Newark, Ohio. Mr. McMullen arrived at McKinley in April, 1905, and was joined by Mrs. McMullen a few months after.

In the portfolio of views entitled "McKinley in the Making" will be found on pages 32 and 33 photographs of tract 179, which Mr. McMullen has cleared in conjunction with his son-in-law, Mr. A. W. Miesse, and also an excellent likeness of Mr. McMullen himself.

New House of Messrs. George F. and Chas. F. Young, on Tract No. 208, McKinley Colony described in Mr. George Young's letter in this issue of the Herald

Writing from McKinley on Aug. 22d, Mr. McMullen gives some interesting information regarding his summer's work in a letter to Mr. R. P. Risley of the Tropical Development Company, from which the following is quoted:

"For some time past I have been thinking of writing to you and will now take time to do so. At the present time I am clearing track 178 on Ohio Avenue, opposite me, for Mr. J. N. Slocum of Beaver Falls, N. Y. I have the clearing nearly completed and will commence setting trees in about two weeks. Will get trees from the Roberts Nursery as they are fine stock. My grape-fruit trees are coming on very nicely and will soon have a fine grove. Also pineapples are doing well. All kind of vegetables grow nicely here. Our watermelons are fine, cut first melon on January 8th and have had melons every month since. A new crop is coming on for the balance of the year. Pineapples and bananas are growing rapidly and looking as fine as any on the McKinley tract. My American woven wire fence is up and adds greatly to the appearance of the ten-acre grove."

Continuing Mr. McMullen says that he is well pleased with the work that General Manager Tolksdorff has done and the manner in which he hustles and shows results. He also says that Supt. Robert Reid, who is at work on the big orange and grapefruit groves, is pushing his work along as fast as possible and is making good progress preparing the additional 200 acres on which will be planted the 18,000 trees which will arrive at McKinley in November.

Now that the new road has been opened running across the McKinley colony from tract 171 to 186, passing by Mr. McMullen's home, this central section of the colony will develop more rapidly than ever and no doubt the example of Mr. Slocum, who is having Mr. McMullen clear tract 178 for him, will be followed by other property holders in that vicinity. We hope that Messrs. J. F. Petrie of tract 174, D. J. Ryan of tract 175, and Allan G. Sergel of tract 177 will soon follow suit. By the way, Mr. Harold Hubbard made an excellent start on clearing tract 176 last winter. Have you finished clearing the rest of it yet, Harold? We would like to know how you have been getting on this summer.

On the south line of this road are properties held by Messrs. Isaac Detweiler (193), A. C. Emmerick (194), Howard I. Lefevre (195), C. G. Frey and John Gill (196), Chas. F. Fetter (197), Harlow C. Palmer (198), Geo. Voss (200), Richard Voss (201), Hugh B. Telfair (202), and Elmer L. Ellsworth (203 and 204), while tract 199 is divided between Mrs. Josephine B. Poor and Mrs. A. Cheney.

Of these bondholders, Mr. Geo. Voss, who is now at McKinley, will supervise the clearing of his tract 200 at once and we hope that Mr. Richard Voss will follow George's example and have his tract cleared.

Mr. Harlow Palmer has already cleared part of No. 198 and has raised some fine watermelons thereon.

Mr. Elmer L. Ellsworth, who, by the way, is a firstclass carpenter and builder, will go down to McKinley in October and, besides clearing up his acreage will put up a house this winter and probably help a lot of other people in the building line as well.

We hope that Messrs. Detweiler, Emmerick, Lefevre, Telfair, Frey, Gill and the others whose properties front on this fine new road will co-operate with the company in improving this section by having their tracts cleared this fall. If you can't go down yourselves, gentlemen, to do the work, write to any of our bondholders at McKinley and arrange with them to clear your land by contract. You couldn't put your money to better use and the sooner you get your land cleared, the sooner you will have it planted.

At either end of this road are the large tracts being developed by the Messrs. Young on the Nuevas River and by Messrs. Parsons and Hopkins on the Del Medio River.

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4 bonds.	7.09	21.25	42.50	76.50
5 bonds..	**8.86**	**26.58**	**53.16**	**95.62**
6 bonds.	10.63	31.88	63.75	114.75
7 bonds.	12.40	37.20	74.40	133.92
8 bonds.	14.17	42.50	85.00	153.00
9 bonds.	15.94	47.82	95.63	172.13
10 bonds..	**17.71**	**53.13**	**106.25**	**191.25**
11 bonds.	19.48	58.44	116.88	210.38
12 bonds.	21.25	63.75	127.50	229.50
15 bonds.	26.57	79.69	159.38	286.88
20 bonds.	35.42	106.26	212.50	382.50
24 bonds.	42.50	127.50	255.00	459.00